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## House of Representatives
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San Bernardino County District Attorney's Office
303 West 3rd Street, 6th Floor
San Bernardino, CA 92415-0502
Attn: Deputy District Attorney Maureen O'Connell

Dear Judge Nancy Ayers:

**RE: Sexually Violent Predator Ross Wollschlager's Placement in San Bernardino County**

I write to you regarding Ross Wollschlager, a sexually violent predator scheduled for a proposed placement in Joshua Tree, California. As the United States Representative for Joshua Tree, I'm adamantly opposed to his placement in the community. Mr. Wollschlager's criminal history includes convictions for raping multiple women and the molestation of a 10-year-old girl.

Mr. Wollschlager doesn't possess any ties to San Bernardino County. He did not commit any of his crimes within our county, nor was he convicted for those crimes in our county. It is unjust to subject the residents of our county to the dangers posed by this sexual predator.

The main thoroughfares for school bus stops and other forms of public transportation are in close proximity to the proposed relocation site, and area residents rely upon them heavily. Additionally, the proposed placement puts him near Joshua Tree National Park, a venue that attracts more than 3 million visitors annually. Hundreds of thousands if not millions of those park visitors are women and children. Moreover, there are hundreds of short-term vacation rentals in surrounding areas that host thousands of families and tourists annually.

Upon his release from state custody, Mr. Wollschlager should be returned to the county in which he offended, Ventura County. Placement of Mr. Wollschlager in the community of Joshua Tree constitutes an avoidable and unnecessary risk to the public. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact my Apple Valley District Office at (760) 247-1815.

Very Respectfully,

Col. Paul Cook (ret.)
Congressman, 8th District of California